

Docket No. 87333.5203
Customer No.: 30734
Application No.: 10/521,358

Patent

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The replacement drawing sheets of the formal drawings are attached as requested by the Examiner.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed June 11, 2007 has been received and its content carefully considered. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 3-5, 7 and 13-19 are pending. Claims 3, 7, 13-15, 17, and 19 are amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity in accordance with current Office policy, to assist the examiner and to expedite compact prosecution of this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 8-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowability concerning claims 3-5, 7 and 13-19.

No new matter has been added by the aforementioned amendments and no estoppels intended thereby.

DRAWING OBJECTION

The Examiner objected to the drawings. Formal drawings have been submitted. The Applicant respectfully submits the Drawings are fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.83 and that the use of conventional air bearing, leveling screws, and locking swivel wheels require no further elaboration to one skilled in the art.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTION

The Examiner stated that many references to the features of particular claims throughout the specification are improper (e.g., see paras. [0012], [0014], and [0015]) because the specification should positively recite the features of the claims rather than inferentially

referring to subject matter of a particular claim through incorporation by reference thereto.

Appropriate correction was made. Language from claim 1 was included in the specification, rather than reference to the claim. No new matter was added.

The Examiner stated that Para. [0044] refers to element "4" as both a shaking drive and plates which is improper. Appropriate correction was made.

The Examiner stated that Para. [0062], line 5: the brackets "[" and "]" should be removed. Correction was made.

The Examiner stated that that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The title has been amended accordingly.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11, and 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP Application 1 201 297 to Helmut Herz (hereinafter referred to as "Herz") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,054,151 to Parker et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Parker").

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11, 12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter, and therefore the rejection is moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 8 and 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP Herz in view of Parker as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,482,363 to Dobelin (hereinafter referred to as “Dobelin”)

Claims 8 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter, and therefore the rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATER


The examiner stated that claims 3-5, 7, and 13-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Following the advice of the examiner, claims 3-5, 7, and 13-19 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 3-5, 7, and 13-19 should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is believed in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 861-1737.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 referencing Atty. Dkt. No. 87333.5203.

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